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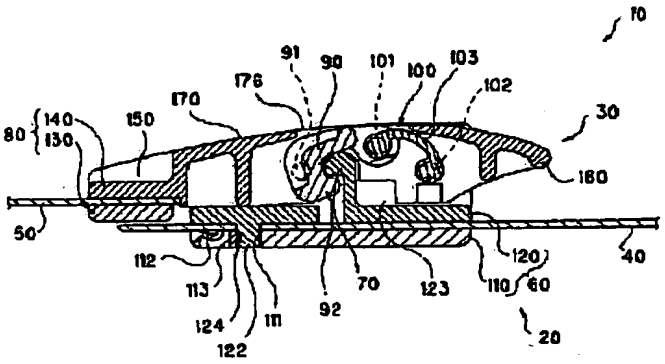

ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To ensure locking by simple insertion from above by providing a catcher having locking and nonlocking positions for a striker and a spring piece which displays a maximum spring force at the intermediate position.

CONSTITUTION: The spring force of a spring piece 100 pushes back a catcher 90 to the nonlocking position to the intermediate position between the locking position and the nonlocking position. Therefore, push a female member 30 into a male member 20 by hand and move the catcher 90 from the nonlocking position to the locking position against the spring force. The spring force of the spring piece becomes highest at the intermediate position, and if the catcher 90 goes slightly beyond the intermediate position, the spring force of the spring piece 100 is applied in the direction that forces into the locking position, making the catcher 90 move to the locking position where the catcher 90 is secured. As a result, the end of the striker 70 is caught in the catcher 90, and the main body 60 of the male member is fixed in the main body 80 of the female member. Thus a lid 50 can be pushed into the main body of a briefcase 40 vertically for connection.

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